

EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION (EHDI) PROGRAM

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Why is hearing screening part of Indiana's newborn screen?

Simple tests can be used to screen a baby's hearing immediately after birth. All babies can and should have their hearing screened before they leave the hospital (or before they are one month of age). It is important to find hearing loss early, so a baby has the best chance possible to learn to communicate. Each year in the US, approximately 2 – 3 out of every 1,000 children are born with permanent hearing loss.

Without newborn hearing screening, most of these children would not be identified with hearing loss during babyhood.

By including hearing screening in Indiana's newborn screen, most of these children can be identified before 3 months of age.